

Douglas, he was chased by two 60 Gun Ships, which he took to be French Men of War sailing for the Channel, which will in all Probability fall into the Hands of Admiral Hawke.

November 24. Last Saturday his Honour the Governor was pleased to dissolve the General Assembly of this Colony, after passing such Acts as were ready for his Assent; and Writs were issued last Tuesday for electing Burgesses, returnable the 22d Day of December next.

November 25. This Week arrived at Hampton, from Nova-Scotia, about 1000 Neutral French, Men, Women, and Children. The Council sat Yesterday, and an Express was immediately dispatched to Hampton, but how they are to be disposed of, we have not yet heard.

The Seafood Man of War, Capt. Rawlings, is arrived at Hampton, from England, but left from Boston. In his Passage he took Three Prizes, Two of which were sent to England, and the other ranfomed for 2000l.

On Wednesday George M'Swaine, an Inhabitant of Cumberland County in Pennsylvania, came to Town from Fort Cumberland, with Two Scalps, and gives us the following Account: That on the 19th of last Month, he with another, were taken Prisoners, by 10 Shawnee Indians, the next Day they took a Dutchman Prisoner, and a few Days after joined 43 Delawares, with King Shingish at their Head. On the 30th they took an old Dutchman Prisoner at Rays Town, whom they would have put to Death (the general Fate of their aged Prisoners) but were prevailed on to spare him, as he was a Carpenter, and might be of Service to them. The same Day M'Swaine and the old Dutchman were ordered to be carried to the Delaware Town, and for that Purpose, were committed to the Care of Shingish's Cousin, called Conni-sago Will, and one Jackson, who deserted from our Forces last Year, and had joined himself with the Indians while the rest with the other Prisoners, proceeded to do further Mischief. They lodged that Night in an Indian Cabin, and M'Swaine being ordered to rise to mend the Fire, took a favourable Opportunity, and with a Broad-Ax killed the Indian, and then seizing his Gun shot Jackson dead on the Spot. After scalping them, and setting Fire to the Cabin, he and the Dutchman made the best of their Way to Fort Cumberland, where they arrived early next Morning. M'Swaine has received Twenty Pounds for the two Scalps.

This Day John Nicholas, for Murder, was executed at the Gallows, near this City.

November 28. The Five Vessels that are arrived with the French Neutrals in this Colony, have on Board near 900 Souls, who are disposed of in the following Manner, viz. one Vessel with about 170 is sent to the Falls of James River; two with about the same Quantity each, are sent to Norfolk, and two remain at Hampton. They are provided with Houses, Provisions, &c. at the Expence of the Government, with Leave to hire themselves as Labourers, or to any other Employments, 'till such Time as something further be resolved on, with Regard to their Settlement among us. They appear to be a quiet, sober, and industrious People, well acquainted with Agriculture, and the other useful Employments of Life, and as they have long ago, and now do, acknowledge themselves to be English Subjects, we hope not the least Danger is to be apprehended from them, and that they may in Time prove of great Benefit and Service to this Colony.

By Letters from New-York we are informed, That his Majesty's Ship Nightingale, Capt. Digges, who was appointed Convoys to the Vessels, with the French Neutrals on Board; put in there in great Distress, having her Masts shattered with the Lightning, and a great many of her People struck down on the Deck, but they are all likely to recover; one of her Convoy is missing, and it is feared has met with the like, or a worse Disaster.

The Recovery, Capt. Joshua Byrne, is arrived in James River, from London, in Five Weeks; Letters by this Ship say, that War is unavoidable: Premium Fifteen Guineas per Cent. from Virginia.

NEW-YORK, December 8.

Tuesday Morning last his Excellency Major General SHIRLEY, Col. Peter Schuyler, Mr. William Alexander, (Son of the Hon. James Alexander, Esq;) with Major Kennier, arrived here from Albany: At their Landing they were saluted by the Guns from Fort GEORGE. And

On Saturday Capt. PETER WRAXALL (Aid de Camp to General JOHNSON) arrived here from the same Place.

The Honourable JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Chief Judge of his Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia (and Son to his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Governor of New-Jersey) arrived here the same Day from Boston.

General JOHNSON we are told, was expected in Albany, from Lake GEORGE, Yesterday Week.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11.

We hear that on Tuesday the second Instant, one John Rhoads, who lately lived beyond the Blue Mountains, on Lizard Creek, near Gnadenbutter, and had removed his Family for their greater Safety to this Side the Mountains, was returning, with a Servant Man, and a Cart and Horses, to his old Plantation, to bring off Part of his Goods, he had left behind him; and as he passed over the Mountains he made some Stay with the Men who were stationed there as a Watch, sending his Servant with the Cart, and Horses before him. In a little Time after, they heard four Guns discharged, and judging the Servant to be in Danger, they made up to him in all Haste, and found him shot dead; but they had not Time to scalp him. They shot also three of the Horses. About two or three Miles further up the same Creek, at the Plantation of one Leycock, the Indians killed his Wife and Son, and scalped the latter. It is supposed the Son made a stout Resistance, his Gun lying by him broke in Pieces; and that they attempted to have scalped the Woman, she having a small Incision of a Knife just above her Eye-brow, but had been scared away; her Arm was torn open from the Wrist to the Shoulder.

By Captain White from Bristol there is Advice of the greatest Likelihood of a War between England and France; the former having paid no Regard to some Overtures said to be made by the latter, towards an Accommodation.

We hear from Upper Hanover, that the Inhabitants thereof, and of some other Townships, on hearing of the Destruction of Gnadenbutter, and being requested by the People about the Blue Mountains to come to their Assistance, immediately agreed to help to defend them against the cruel Enemy; and accordingly a Number of Men, from the different Townships, marched directly to their Relief.

ANNAPOLIS, December 26.

Next Thursday the General Assembly of this Province is to meet here.

We hear from several Parts of the Province, of much Damage done, by the violent Wind on the 16th Instant, on many Plantations, but have not as yet heard of any in the Bay. It came in a narrow Vein, and wherever it paid it there was scarcely any Thing strong enough to withstand it's Force without receiving some Damage.

On the 21st Instant, Capt. Henry Coffin, on his Passage hither from Antigua, spoke with a Bermudian off Cape-Hatteras bound to Virginia, who inform'd him, that about a Fortnight before, a Ship from Maryland was cast away at Bermuda, in a hard Gale of Wind, the Vessel and Cargo lost, but the People saved. He has forgot the Master's Name; but the Ship loaded in South River, and was Philadelphia Bolts. [This is supposed to be the Ship Providence, Capt. John Dore.]

Capt. Coffin informs us, that beside those Ships above-mentioned, under the Article from St. John's in Antigua, some of Commodore Pownall's Squadron had taken and sent into St. John's, a Ship bound from Bourdeaux to St. Domingo, having on board a great Number of French Ladies, and seven Priests. That the Commodore had order'd the Negroes on board the three Guiney-men, to be sold. That he saw a 60 Gun Ship take a large French Ship to the Windward of Martinica; And that a 60 Gun Ship and the Fog of 20 Guns were constantly plying to Windward of Martinica, so that no Vessel from thence could get clear of them.

He likewise informs us, that on or about the 10th of November, when it was pretty calm, about One o'Clock, there happen'd at Barbados (where he then was) a very surprising and sudden Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea; in about two Minutes it rose 5 or 6 Feet, and then fell again in a little Time; and so continued some Hours: And that at Antigua it was much the same. In the great Bay in St. Martin's it Ebb'd and Flow'd 20 Feet in a very little Time; Vessels which lay there in two Fathom Water were suddenly left dry with their Anchors uncover'd, and then on a sudden the Sea return'd again; and the People of the Island expected nothing less than to be drowned: And yet but little Damage has been done, that he heard of.

SWEEP, SWEEP, SWEEP.

PETER WILSON, in ANNAPOLIS,

HAVING with great Application and Industry, acquir'd the curious Art of cleaning or sweeping Chimnies, in the neatest Manner, hereby gives Notice, that he is willing to wait on any Gentlemen at their own Houses, for the Performance of his Business. And they may depend on his Care and Skill.

THERE is at the Plantation of Mr. Row, near the Falls of Patuxent, taken up as a Stray, a black Gelding, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder I. S. and on the near Buttock with a Cross, and has several Saddle Spots on his Back.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Selah Barron, at the Long-Calm, in Baltimore County, taken up as a Stray, a middle-siz'd dark brown Horse, branded on both Shoulders and Buttocks with a large W.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

RAN away on the 30th of November past, from the Subscriber, living at Severn Ferry, a Servant Man, named John Prater, he is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, round shoulder'd, has black Hair and black Eyes, and speaks in the West Country Dialect. Had on when he went away a Country Cloth Jacket, an Osnabrigs Shirt and Trowsers, a Pair of Yarn Stockings, and an old Hat. He is about 18 or 20 Years of Age.

Whoever takes up and secures the said Servant, so that he may be had again, shall have a Pistole Reward, if taken in this Province; if taken out of the Province, Two Pistoles, and reasonable Charges, paid by 2 GEORGE PAGE.

N. B. He ran away with Three other Servants, and is suppos'd to have gone by Water, as a flat bottom'd Boat belonging to Mr. Thornton, about 60 or 12 Feet long, has been missing ever since. It is suppos'd they are gone towards Virginia.

THERE is at the Plantation of Joseph Howard, near South-River Ferry, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare with three white Feet, and a Star in her Forehead, but no perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Nicholas Baker, near the Head of Patuxes River, taken up as a Stray, an Iron Grey Mare, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock CH, and has a Piece taken out of her right Ear.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living at Rogu's Harbour, on the 20th of November past, one Richard Jarvis, who has gone by the Name of Richard Garner, and Richard Gidden; he is a luffy well-made Man, walks wide, and limps, he wears his own Hair, and has a Scar on one of his Cheeks. He had on an old Coat of a sad Colour, patch'd with blue Patches, and has Metal Buttons, an Elk-Skin Waistcoat with Pewter Buttons, a Pair of Leather Breeches with flat Metal Buttons, two Pair of Trowsers, a Pair of blue Stockings, a Silver Watch without Key or Seal, the Maker's Name Thomas Taylor, London, and a Gold Ring mark'd M. C.

Whoever secures the said Man, so that he may be brought to Justice, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, paid by ROBERT BUCKLAY.

N. B. He has a Note with him, certifying that he came into the Country a Free Man, signed by William Lux.

COMMITTED to Baltimore County Goal, on the 12th of November, a Negro Man who calls himself Sam; is a luffy well-set Fellow, and says he belongs to John Gansson, Lancaster County.

Committed likewise, on the 16th, a Negro Fellow, who calls himself Duncan (or some such Name) speaks very bad English, says his Master's Name is Wood; by what can be understood from him, it is supposed he has wrought in a Mine Bank, and run away about June or July past.

Their Masters are desired to come and pay Charges, and take them away.

CHARLES CHRISTIE, Sheriff of Baltimore County.

STRAY'D or stolen from the Subscriber, at Baltimore-Town, about the last of July, a likely Strawberry-Roan Gelding, about 14 Hands high, shod before, has very little Ears and is trimm'd round them, his Mane hangs on the off Side, a Switch Tail, and paces dully, has been used to the Draught and may have some Marks, but not branded.

Whoever secures the said Gelding, so that I may have him again, shall have a Pistole Reward; and for the Discovery of the Thief, so as he may be apprehended and brought to Justice, Two Pistoles, paid by WILLIAM DALLAM.

RAN away from the Subscriber, on the second of November past, living in Annapolis, a Servant Man named Thomas Aldridge, a Sawyer and Carpenter by Trade, is full fac'd, and fresh-colour'd, a middle-siz'd Squat Man, and is an Englishman. He had with him when he ran away, a brown Coat, a Pair of Everlasting Breeches, good Shoes and Stockings, a light colour'd old Pea Jacket, two Osnabrigs Shirts, and wears a Wig.

Whoever takes up the said Servant and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have a Pistole Reward, if taken in this County; and if in any other County two Pistoles, and reasonable Charges, besides what the Law allows; and if secured any where out of this Province, shall have the same Reward of two Pistoles, upon giving the Subscriber Notice thereof, paid by

WILLIAM ROBERTS.

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A WELL-BUILT SCHOONER, just launched, Burthen upwards of 50 Tons, with compleat new Rigging. For further Particulars enquire of the Subscriber, at Annapolis.

CHARLES CARROLL.

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